



MICKFIELD HOSTAS



Firstly...

A very warm welcome all our new subscribers, we are delighted to have you on board and hope you enjoy the newsletters.

The majority of you have been subscribers for many years and it is always good to meet you, whether at events, at the nursery or at talks. Your ideas and feedback helps inform us what you are interested in and if you have anything specific you would like us to cover in future newsletters then please [let Mel know](#).

May was incredibly busy...

Not only did we have Malvern Spring Festival and the Suffolk Show, we attended several plant fairs in the region, which continue to grow in both size and popularity.

We also enjoyed the 'Chelsea effect' as a key theme to the show was woodland gardens and the colour green, together with coverage of a Hosta nursery new to the show. Indeed, we sold out of [H. 'Brother Stefan'](#) because it was featured on the Chelsea coverage. It is amazing the effect of a few minutes of publicity on sales for a particular cultivar and, rather unsurprisingly, we have sold out.

As a consequence of all this additional interest, we have been rushed off our feet with mail order requests and visits to the nursery, on top of our show commitments. However, we are not complaining as we only have a few months to make the most of it all.



Malvern Spring Festival

We had a thoroughly enjoyable but tiring week at Malvern. The show continues to build in popularity and is a pleasure to attend.

We were awarded a Gold Medal for our display (click on the image above to view), which was great considering the plants were not looking as vibrant as they usually do at this time of year.

We suspect that has everything to do with the weather, the very warm days and very cold nights have had a bleaching effect on the early foliage and dragging the plants across the country doesn't help.

The weather at Malvern was challenging, the first day in particular was so cold and dark, we struggled to stay

Garden update

Mel has been rediscovering the hosta she planted in the new beds last autumn and can report that no losses occurred. Indeed many are looking fabulous considering the lack of rainfall.

Many plants take a check when popped in the ground after years of container growing but the only issue is a little stunting of some varieties and that is most likely due to the lack of moisture. We always say to water your plants in well but then treat them a little mean to avoid shallow rooting. If your hosta are encouraged to seek out moisture they will root deeply and are able to survive extremes of wet and dry more readily.

The photos at the head of the newsletter, and below, show views of the garden Mel took before heading off to the Suffolk Show. She managed to get quite a lot of weeding done, and a little additional landscaping over by the 'rubber rockery'.

We will share more with you, later in the season.



Finally for now...

Kerry raised over £2,000, for Marie Curie and The Teenage Cancer Trust, with his 'Beard off' and certainly looks different now. If you are off to Gardeners' World, you might see him lurking behind his ferns, well done matey.

Speak soon

Team Mickfield Hostas

warm even when the Marquee was full of people and we were rushing about with plants. The weather did gradually improve through the show and by Sunday it was getting warm again.

Gardener's World Live 2019

Hope to see you there...
If you would like us to bring a pre-order for collection at the show, please let us know by **Friday 7th June**.



We will be attending the Moggerhanger Park Plant Fair on Sunday 2nd June - hope to catch you there...

A note on availability...

The shows have been very successful so far and we have sold out of a number of varieties. We also sold out of some featured at Chelsea, so make sure you check our latest [availability list](#) and [downloadable catalogue](#) for the latest information.